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In re Application of :  
HALE, Gregory B. :  
Application No. 10/687,226 : RESPONSE TO PETITION  
Filed: October 15, 2003 : TO EXPUNGE FILED  
For: MANAGEMENT OF THE FLOW OF PERSONS : UNDER 37 CFR 1.59(b)  
IN RELATION TO CENTERS OF CROWD :  
CONCENTRATION VIA TELEVISION CONTROL :

This is a response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.59(b), filed March 16, 2006, to expunge information from the above identified application.

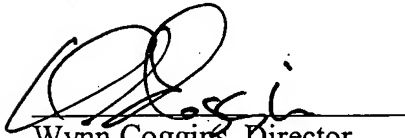
The decision on the petition will be held in abeyance until allowance of the application or mailing of an *Ex parte Quayle* action or a Notice of Abandonment, at which time the petition will be decided.

Petitioner requests that i) Letter dated 01-05-1991, 4 pages (included in Envelope A), and ii) Letter dated 01-30-1991, 2 pages (included in Envelope A) filed March 16, 2006, be expunged from the record. Petitioner states either: (A) that the information contains trade secret material, proprietary material and/or material that is subject to a protective order which has not been made public; or (B) that the information submitted was unintentionally submitted and the failure to obtain its return would cause irreparable harm to the party who submitted the information or to the party in interest on whose behalf the information was submitted, and the information has not otherwise been made public. The petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(g) has been paid.

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